Pillai, one of the Members of the Select Committee, has recorded a dissenting minute in regard to "sums found due on settlement of accounts" being treated as "advance". With this exception, the amending Bill has been approved by the Committee, and I beg to move that their Report be taken up for consideration.

Seconded by Mr. Subrahmanya Iyer.

Carried.

Mr. Kesava Pillai.—Sir, I submit that I am unable to agree to the principle permitting "money or money's worth or both, found due on a settlement of accounts" being, under any circumstances, treated as "advance". Such a provision would lead to the possibility of employers compelling workmen under their power, to enter into new agreements, thus placing the workmen in a state of perpetual bondage. But I have no objection to payments made during the currency of the contract being treated as "advance". I therefore adhere to my view already recorded in my dissenting note. Further, the expression "money's worth" is not sufficiently definite and includes many things other than provisions and clothing, which latter alone are ordinarily supplied to the workmen. It also appears inexpedient and unreasonable to treat all sorts of things as "advance" within the meaning of this special law. I therefore propose that the words "or provisions or clothing or any one or more of them" be substituted for the words "or money's worth or both," wherever these occur in Section I, and that the words "during the continuance of such contract" be substituted for the words "all moneys or money's worth or both, found due &c..... the parties".

Seconded by Mr. Easwara Pillai.

The motion was put and agreed to.

Mr. Ananda Row.—I beg to move that the Bill, as now amended, be read again on a future day of which due notice shall be given.

Seconded by Mr. Raman Pillai.

Carried.

THE SALT BILL.

Mr. Subrahmanya Iyer.—Sir, I beg to present the Report of the Select Committee on the Salt Bill. The Bill has been recast by the Select Committee in consultation with Mr. N. Raman Pillai, the Excise Commissioner. The Report with the amended Bill was published in the Gazette and copies thereof have been distributed among the Members. However, as I understand that the Excise Commissioner would like to have more time, before the provisions of the Bill are discussed in the Council, I beg to move that the Report be taken up for consideration at the next meeting of the Council.

Seconded by Mr. Padmanabha Iyer.

Carried.

THE COURT FEES BILL.

Mr. Ananda Row.—Sir, I beg to present the Report, on the Court Fees Bill, of the Select Committee appointed on 15-4-1086. It will be seen therefrom that Schedule I has been completely recast, adopting the existing rates of *ad valorem* fees, in the place of the higher British Indian rates provided in the original Bill. I hope that the amended Bill will meet with the approval of the Council and I beg to move that it be taken up for consideration.

Seconded by Mr. Krishnan Nair.

Carried.

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Mr. Madhavan Tampi.—Sir, the provision of the Land Acquisition Regulation now sought to be repealed by Section 2 of the Bill runs thus :—"All proceedings under this Regulation shall be exempt from the provisions of the Court-Fees Regulation and Stamp Regulation". So, when that provision is repealed, the result will be that all proceedings under the Regulation will be liable to be taxed with court fee and stamp duty. I should humbly submit that this change is calculated to cause great hardship to the land-owning class among the loyal subjects of His Gracious Highness the Maha Raja.

I beg to move therefore that the words "and para 2 of Section 26 of the Land Acquisition Regulation, III of 1067" in Section 2, be omitted.

Seconded by Mr. Easwara Pillai.

The motion was put to the vote and lost.

Mr. Madhavan Tampi.—Sir, with reference to Schedule II, VIII (i), prescribing the fee leviable on suits to remove a Karanavan, I beg to submit that the provision is not of general application, but applies only to one community, *viz.* the Nairs. Further, the properties of the Tarwads in this country are of comparatively small value. The higher rate now prescribed is likely, therefore, to work hardship in the majority of cases. I beg to propose that, on suits for the removal of a Karanavan, the existing fixed fee of 100 fanams be retained.

Seconded by Mr. Kesava Pillai.

The motion was put to the vote and lost.

The petition regarding the Court Fees Bill was read in the Council and recorded.

Mr. Ananda Row.—Sir, I beg to move that the Bill, as now passed by the Council, be read again on a future day of which notice shall be given.

Seconded by Mr. Subrahmanya Iyer.

Carried.

THE CIVIL PROCEDURE CODE AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Ananda Row.—Sir, I beg to move that the Civil Procedure Code Amendment Bill be finally read and passed.

Secoded by Mr. Subrahmanya Iyer.

Carried.

The Council adjourned at 2 P. M.

P. RAJAGOPALA CHARI,
President.

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